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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that BOZENIA RAPAZINSKA, age 62, formerly of Chicago, Illinois, was sentenced today by United States District Court Gary L. Sharpe, to 30 months in federal prison, to be followed by supervised release for one year, upon her convictions for making a false claim of United States citizenship and aggravated identity theft.

Today's sentencing follows the December 16, 2009 guilty plea of BOZENIA RAPAZINSKA to the charges of false claim of United States citizenship and aggravated identity theft.

RAPAZINSKA was encountered by United States Customs and Border Protection officers at the Mooers, New York Port of Entry on August 18, 2008. RAPAZINSKA, a citizen of Poland, claimed to be a United States citizen and provided an identification card with her photograph and the name and biographical information of an actual US citizen in support of her claim of US citizenship.

During an immigration inspection conducted at the border, a CBP officer arrested BOZENIA RAPAZINSKA after she discovered that RAPAZINSKA was not, in fact, a United States citizen and she was actually an illegal alien with no lawful status in the United States.

This matter was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Champlain, New York and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Rouses Point, New York.

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